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In re Application of : James A. Kost  
For : SPREADER SHIELD  
Serial No. : 10/040,825  
Filed : January 8, 2002  
Group Art Unit : 3752  
Our Docket : MP-13158

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Rotatable spreader element 32, best shown in FIGURES 2 and 4, may take a variety of structural forms. In the illustrated embodiment, spreader element 32 includes a centrally apertured circular plate 34, a center hub 36 mounted therebeneath, and four evenly spaced, radially extending vanes 38 on the upper side thereof. A fixed motor mounting plate 40 is supported on frame 16 by straps 41 and 43 and includes an opening 44 generally concentric with discharge opening 28. Motor M is secured to the underside of mounting plate 40 by fasteners 45 so that the axis a of the motor

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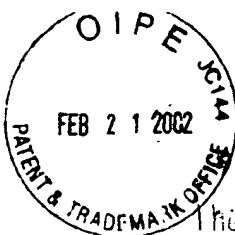
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